GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:351
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2017
National Sports Academy
Jaunpuria Shri Sukhbir Singh

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Sports Authority of India proposes to set up National Sports Academy and Junior Sports Academy at various locations in the country to identify and nurture sports talent;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
(c) the time by which these academies are likely to start functioning;
(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for promotion of sports in rural areas and assigning the responsibility of implementation thereof to some Government or Non-Governmental Organisations; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.351 TO BE ASWERED ON 10.08.2017 REGARDING NATIONAL SPORTS ACADEMY ASKED BY SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA.
(a) Yes, Madam. National Sports Academy (NSA) is the latest scheme introduced to the basket of Sports Promotional Schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI). SAI Sports Academies are the single disciplined high performance sports training centers having adequate scientific back up with focus on excellence at national and international level.
(b) & (c): As part of Government of India 100 days programme,13 National Sports Academies were proposed to be set up. Based on the requirement and availability of infrastructure and other facilities, 13 initially proposed Academies were reviewed and few more academies have been approved.
The details are as under:
(i) List of 13 Academies initially proposed along with their status.
S. No.
Name of the Academy
Location
Status of Academy
1.
SAI National Cycling Academy
IG Stadium
Already established
2.
SAI National Swimming Academy
Dr. SPMSPC, Delhi
Already established
3.
SAI National Athletics Academy (Sprints & Jumps)
Thiruvanantha-puram
Already established
4.
SAI National Athletics Academy (Middle & Long Distance)
Bhopal
Already established
5.
SAI National Boxing Academy
Rohtak
Already established
6.
SAI National Golf Academy
Thiruvanantha-puram
Already established
7.
SAI National Hockey Academy
Delhi
Already established
8.
SAI Regional Football Academy

Kolkata, Kerala, Delhi & Imphal
Already established
9.
SAI National Archery Academy
Guwahati
Under Process
10.
SAI National Shooting Academy
Dr. KSSR, Delhi
Proposal is pending with Shooting Federation of India.
11.
SAI National Volleyball Academy
Kochi
Facilities are inadequate, therefore proposal is kept in abeyance.
12.
SAI National Athletics Academy (Throws)
Rohtak
MoU with State Government required. There are three more Athletics Academies which are being reviewed.
13.
SAI National Wrestling Academy
Sonepat
Already Center of Excellence Scheme (COE) for wrestling is running at Sonepat, therefore Wrestling academy is kept in abeyance.
(ii) The list of Academies approved/established subsequently on PPP model:
1. SAI National Cue Sports Academy Dr. SPMSPC, Delhi - Already Established
2. SAI- Gopichand Badminton Academy, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - Already Established
3. SAI Regional Badminton Academy at Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar - Already Established
4. MoU has been signed between Sports Authority of India, Boxing Federation of India and International Boxing Federation of India for International Boxing Academy at Rohtak.
5. SAI National Table Tennis Academy at Kolkata- Under Process
6. SAI Odisha Regional Athletics Academy, Bhubaneswar- Under Process
As such there are (11) National Sports Academies & Five (5) Regional Sports Academies are operational.
(d) & (e): To promote sports in the country, SAI is implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:
? National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
? SAI Training Centre (STC)
? Special Area Games (SAG)
? Extension Centre of STC/SAG
? Centre of Excellence (COE)
? National Sports Academies (NSA)
Accordingly, SAI has established 10 Regional Centres and 02 educational institutions to implement the above sports promotional schemes in the country.
The majority of the youth (sports persons) selected under the above schemes are identified from the rural, tribal and backward areas of the country. The selected trainees are provided with regular sports training in their respective sports discipline to excel at National and International level competition.
The Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of SAI lay emphasis on scouting talent among from the rural and tribal youth in the age group of 10-18 years. The majority of the trainees admitted under this scheme come from rural, remote and tribal areas of the country. Currently, there are 19 SAG Centres with 2000 trainees (1120 boys and 880 girls) being trained and provided with expert sports coaches, requisite outdoor/indoor playing facilities, sports equipment (consumable and non-consumable) including expenses towards boarding and lodging expenses, medical & insurance cover and stipend for day boarders as per the approved scheme norms.
Similarly, the Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme which is a joint venture with Indian Army also identifies youth sports talent from the rural and tribal areas falling under their regimental centres. The trainees in the age group of 8-14 years are admitted in ABSC centres for regular sports training and most of them on having been found to be medically fit are enrolled in the Army on attaining the age of 17 Â½ years. As on date 1352 boys trainees are being trained in 24 Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) centres across the country.
Presently, under SAI Sports Promotional Schemes 13,684 talented sports person (9653 boys and 4031 girls) are provided with regular sports training in 27 sports disciplines on residential and non-residential basis in 289 SAI sports centres.
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